

SENATE BILL 2383
By Haynes

AN ACT to name State Route 840 in honor of Albert Gore, Jr., the
45th Vice President of the United States of America.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to
name certain highways to honor those exemplary Tennesseans who have contributed
significantly to the growth and prosperity of this great land; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than Albert Gore, Jr., the
45th Vice President of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Albert Gore, Jr., has distinguished himself as an outstanding public servant
throughout a thirty-year career spent promoting and crafting effective and responsive
government for all people; and

WHEREAS, his record of service to this nation and to his native Tennessee is indeed
one of moment and accomplishment; his career is one that should be emulated by all those who
seek and serve in public office, but it is not likely that his achievements will soon be equaled;
and

WHEREAS, as a Tennessean, Albert Gore, Jr. has demonstrated his commitment to
improving the quality of life for his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, as a citizen of the United States, he has always worked assiduously to
better the lives of America's working people; and

WHEREAS, following in the footsteps of his distinguished father, the late U.S. Senator
Albert Gore, Sr., he began his ongoing commitment to serving the people of this state and
nation in 1976 when he was elected to represent the Fourth Congressional District of
Tennessee in the United States House of Representatives, where he served eight years; and

WHEREAS, Albert Gore, Jr. continued his sterling record of public service during his tenure in the United States Senate from 1984-1993; and

WHEREAS, he served his home state so well that he was reelected to the U.S. Senate in 1990 with an unprecedented majority in each of Tennessee's 95 counties; and

WHEREAS, as the forty-fifth Vice President of the United States of America, Albert Gore, Jr. pursued policies that unlocked the creativity, the ingenuity, and the hard work of the American people; during their two terms in office, President Clinton and he led this country into the longest period of sustained economic growth in American history; and

WHEREAS, Vice President Gore demonstrated his stalwart commitment to improving and protecting the lives of all Americans through his adroit service as the President's advisor on foreign policy, as a member of the President's cabinet and the national security council, and as the head of a wide range of administration initiatives; and

WHEREAS, now a private citizen, Al Gore continues to work for the public benefit; he is a visiting professor at several institutions, including Fisk University and Middle Tennessee State University, where he teaches a new academic discipline that he helped to create, called "Family Centered Community Building"; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Albert Gore, Jr. for his dedicated service to the United States of America, and particularly to the State of Tennessee, by naming a certain state route in his honor; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, State Route 840 in its entirety, from its intersection with Interstate Highway 40 West in Dickson County to its intersection with Interstate Highway 40 East in Wilson County, including segments of such highway still under construction, is hereby designated the "Albert Gore, Jr. Highway" as a lasting tribute to one of the greatest public servants this state has ever produced and this nation has ever known.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating State Route 840 as the "Albert Gore, Jr. Highway".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.